


REMARKS

Claims 33, 16, 21, 22 and 24 - 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being obvious over Lebby et al. (U.S. Patent 5,367,593), hereinafter Lebby. Claims 33, 16, 21-22, and 24-28 have been deleted above without prejudice. The remaining claims (17-20, 23 and 29-32) have been allowed.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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